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SUBJECT: AUGMENTATION OF FRENCH SUEZ CANAL MINE HUNTING
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FOR CHARGE AND BG GUAY FROM AMBASSADOR

1. HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT FRENCH INTEND TO AUGMENT
THEIR MINE HUNTING DETACHMENT IN SUEZ CANAL WITH ADDITIONAL
TWO VESSELS. LATE STARTERS THAT THEY WERE ON SUEZ CANAL
CLEARANCE, FRENCH ARE OBVIOUSLY HOPING MAKE BIG SPLASH AS
CLEARANCE OPERATIONS TERMINATE.

2. WHILE I CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT USG RECEIVE FULLEST
CREDIT FOR USN ACTIVITY IN SUEZ CANAL CLEARANCE, WHICH
FRENCH ARE APPARENTLY TRYING TO UPSTAGE, I SEE LITTLE
PURPOSE IN MAKING THIS A MAJOR ISSUE.

3. SO LONG AS OPPORTUNE IS CONSTRUCTIVELY ENGAGED IN
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RESIDUAL CLEARANCE WORK, WE HAVE A CONTINUING, EVEN IF

MODEST PRESENCE IN THAT OPERATION. WITHOUT TRYING TO BLOW THIS UPOUT OF PROPORTION, WE SHOULD CONDUCT DISCREET PUBLIC MEDIA CAMPAIGN THROUGH USIS TO LET EGYPTIANS KNOW OF PAST AND PRESENT USN WORK IN CLEARING THE CANAL. MOREOVER,

IF GOE GOES THROUGH WITH ITS EARLIER PLANS TO INVITE TO THE OPENING CEREMONY NAVAL CONTINGENTS FROM THE STATES THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE CLEARANCE OPERATION, THE USN'S ROLE SHOULD BE FULLY RECOGNIZED AT THAT TIME. I WOULD HOPE THAT ADMIRALS CARROLL AND MC CAULEY WOULD BE INVITED TO THE CEREMONIES.

4. SHOULD OPPORTUNITY ARISE IN NEXT WEEK OR SO, DATT MAY WISH TO INQUIRE OF ADMIRAL ZIKRY STATUS OF ONCE MOOTED EGYPTIAN PLAN TO CAR MINE WEST OF PORT SAID AND WHETHER USN ASSISTANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE IS STILL BEING SOUGHT. AS YOU CALL, WE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO UNDERTAKE THIS MISSION IF THE EGYPTIANS SO DESIRED. KISSINGER

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